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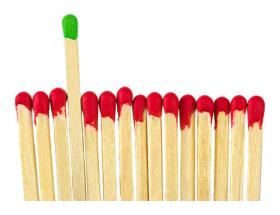


# MAERS

# DATA MATCH FOR EMPLOYMENT COHORTS

### What is Data Match?

Data Match uses Social Security Numbers (SSNs), which you collect and enter into the MAERS database, to perform the Follow Up process for the Enter and Retain Employment cohorts. Follow Up for these two cohorts is automatically done by matching participants with SSNs to wage records in the State's Unemployment Insurance (UI) database.



### **YOU** play a **BIG** role in the success of Data Match!

### How?

Data Match will search for wages for all participants who have:

- A SSN in MAERS
- 12 or more attendance hours
- A Program Exit
- An Obtain or Retain Employment Cohort

# The results of this Data Match search can only be positive if the SSN is verified.

Please collect SSN's at intake to increase the likelihood of success for Data Match!

# Changes in MAERS

- A SSN confirmation has been added to the Personal tab on the Registration screen to assist in validating SSN data entry
- The Follow Up Screens and Follow Up Selection Report have been modified for Data Match
- Data entry of manual survey Follow Up results will be allowed through October 25<sup>th</sup> following the reporting year for <u>all</u> cohorts
- The Data Match process will run every quarter and update Obtain Employment and Retain Employment cohort Follow Up records

# Registration Screen Change

A SSN (confirm) field has been added to reduce data entry errors of SSNs

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Middle Initial: R				Phone Extension:					
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Address: 309 MATTHEW DR		DR	SSN:						
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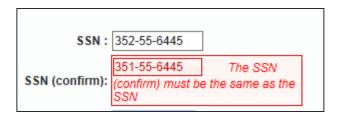
## Registration Screen Change (cont.)

# Error messages will display immediately in the following situations:

An inaccurate number sequence is entered into the SSN field -

	111-11-1111	Please enter
3314.	a valid SSN	
SSN (confirm):		

The SSN (confirm) does not match the entered SSN -



### Registration Screen Change (cont.)

Confirmable error messages will display when submitting or updating a Registration in the following situations:

- 1. The SSN entered matches the SSN for another participant
- [Tab 1] The Social Security Number (SSN) entered matches a SSN already on file for a different student. Please click Confirm to save the registration with this SSN. Click Cancel to re-enter the registration.
- 2. The SSN entered does not match the SSN on file on a prior registration for this same participant
- [Tab 1] The Social Security Number (SSN) entered does not match a SSN already on file for this participant. Please click Confirm to save the registration with this SSN. Click Cancel to re-enter the registration.

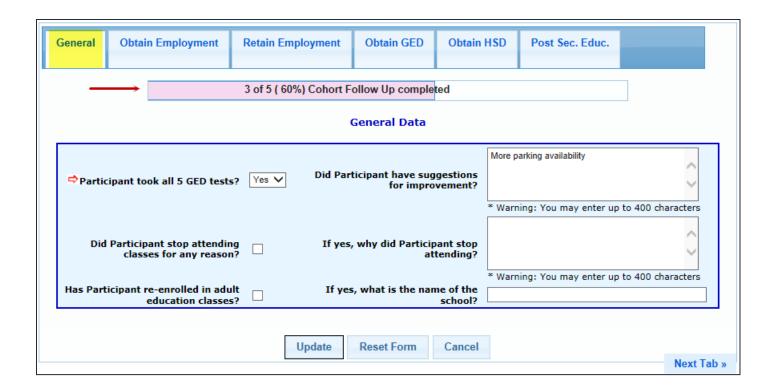
When these message are received, it is very important to re-verify the SSN entered is correct and belongs to your participant. If the SSN is verified as your participant's actual SSN, then click the Confirm button to save the registration. If you are unable to verify further or you find it is not your participant's SSN, then click Cancel and re-enter the registration without the SSN. You can always validate and enter the SSN at a later time.

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# Follow Up Screen Changes

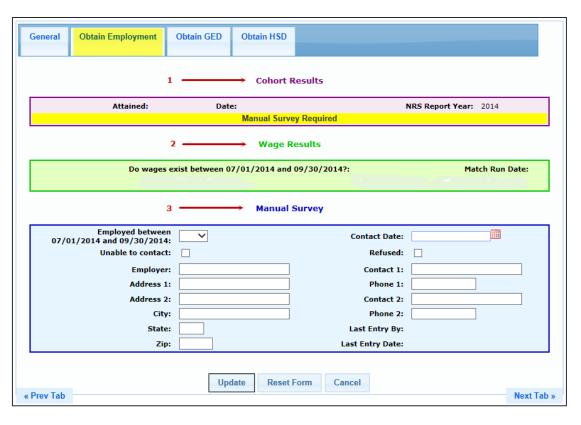
#### **General Tab**

A new completion bar is present to display Follow Up completion



### Follow Up Screen Changes (cont.)

### **Obtain and Retain Employment Tabs**

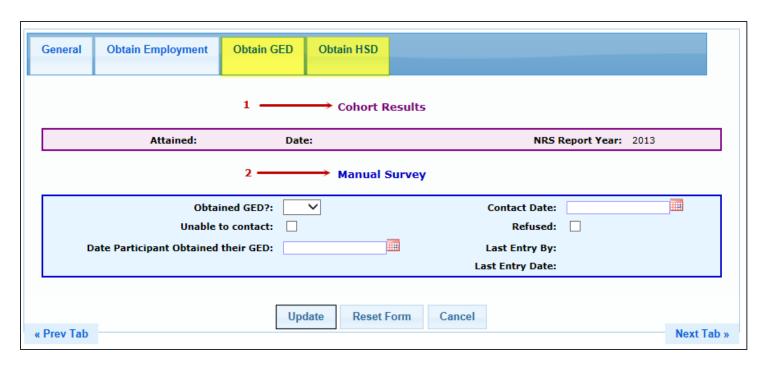


- Cohort Results This table is display only. The most recent or final results from either the Manual Survey or the Wage Results table will display.
- Wage Results This table is display only. Results from the quarterly data matching process will display.
- 3. <u>Manual Survey</u> To be completed by the program staff when:
  - a. A SSN is not on file
  - b. Wage Results are not found

Note: The 'Date Participant got the job' question has been removed. The 'Employed between' dropdown supplies the needed date information.

### Follow Up Screen Changes (cont.)

#### Obtain GED, HSD, and Postsecondary Education Tabs



- 1. Cohort Results This table is display only. The most recent or final results from the Manual Survey will display.
- 2. Manual Survey Required to be completed by local program staff

Note: On the HSD and Postsecondary tabs, the 'Date Participant Obtained' and the 'Date Participant Enrolled' questions have been eliminated.

## When is a manual survey required?

### Manual surveys are required:

- For the educational cohorts Obtain GED, Obtain HSD, and Postsecondary
- If a SSN is <u>not</u> on file for a participant for Employment Cohorts

### Manual surveys are recommended:

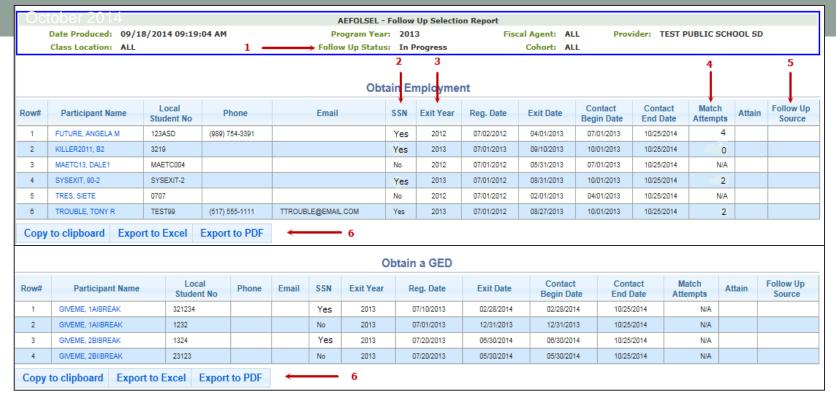
 When a positive outcome is not achieved by Data Match Note: Not all employment is reported to the UI database

# Follow Up Selection Report

The report has been enhanced with the following changes:

- Follow Up Status defaults to 'In Progress' in the Report Selection Criteria box
- New columns added:
  - SSN
  - Exit Year (previously listed as Program Year)
  - Match Attempts
  - Follow Up Source

The Follow Up Selection report should be scheduled and viewed monthly



- 1. Follow Up Status default of In Progress When running the report, the Follow Up Status will now default to 'In Progress'. This will only display participants still needing follow up. The report can also be run by manually selecting the Follow Up Status of 'Completed' or 'All'. 'Completed' will display participants whose follow up is completed. 'All' will display participants in the cohort measurement whether the follow up is completed or in progress.
- 2. SSN A 'Yes' will display if the participant has a SSN. If a Yes displays, for the employment cohorts only, data match attempts will take place quarterly. A 'No' will display if the participant does not have a SSN. If a 'No displays, a Manual Follow Up Survey is required.
- 3. Exit Year Displays the Program Year in which the participant exited.

  Note: Retain Employment and Postsecondary Year #2 follow up will always take place in a program year following the Exit Year.
- 4. Match Attempts 'N/A' will display for all educational cohorts and for employment cohorts without a SSN on file. Up to 8 Data Match attempts will take place.
- 5. Follow Up Source Displays the source completing the follow up. This field will always be blank unless the report is run using the Follow Up Status of 'Completed' or 'All'.

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- a. Data Match Follow Up was completed through the data match process
- b. User ID A Manual Survey was completed

6. Copy/Export Options – Each cohort measure can be copied or exported separately

## Data Match Recap



- Collect and Verify SSN's
- Schedule and View the Follow Up Selection report each month
- Complete Manual Surveys on participants without an SSN
- Complete Manual Surveys if Data Match is not finding wages for a participant
- Run the Performance Benchmark report quarterly and focus on completing Manual Follow Up Surveys for cohort measures under a 50% response rate